



Riverside Neighborhood Partnership

Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2005, 6:30 p.m.

City Hall – 7th Floor Mayor's Ceremonial Room

Members Present: Randy Akes, Jr., Mary Jane Dana, Bruno DeBayona, Christina Duran, Norm Gritton, Jacob Hernandez, Erin House, Nanci Larsen, David McNiel, Heather Troxel, Jay Dyer, Wivory Brandle, Marisol Ruiz

Members Excused: Nancy Hart, Dana Kruckenberg, Barbara Brown, Pat Watson

Members Unexcused: Annette Martinez-Lievanos, Walter Jensen, Carolyn Hart, Brain Pearcy

Guests: David Kessinger, Laurie Hoirup

Staff: Martha Matus and Lucelia Rodriguez

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Meeting called to order by Chairman Akes at 6:40 pm

2. Approval of Minutes, February 7, 2005

(McNiel/Dana, Carried, one abstained Larsen)

3. Concerns from Visiting Neighborhoods

- David Kessinger stated that he spoke with Belinda Graham, Director of Development Department, about the criteria for using CDBG funds to help pay for Pachappa Hills sewer system. He stated that he submit a recommendation for funding through the Public Participation Process.
- Laurie Hoirup, Community Access Center, announced a Basketball Game with Firefighters fundraiser at Nichols Park on April 16th.

4. Subcommittee Report – Develop Plan for Areas to Collaborate on Neighborhood Networking and Organizing

Dana provided a written report recommending the following items:

- Promo booth at community events
- Off-Site RNP Monthly Meetings
- Survey –Neighborhood Data Sharing

Dana motioned that RNP Area 4 members host one off-site RNP meeting in June or July, seconded by DeBayona, motioned carried.

Dana motioned that RNP agree to commit to update neighborhood organization Registration Forms and have the forms completed by July 11, 2005, seconded by DeBayona, motion carried.

5. Report on the RNP's Participation at the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta

Dana reported that the subcommittee (Dana, Jansen, Gritton, Duran) compiled a list of things to do for participation at the Cinco de Mayo Fiesta and Parade on April 30th. A sign-up sheet was passed around requested RNP members to sign-up for a 2-hour increment for the event. Dana also suggested that RNP

look at purchasing t-shirts with the RNP logo. It was also recommended that the RNP logo be changed to reflect the mission of the RNP and neighborhoods. Dana motioned to establish a subcommittee to discuss and research a new logo concept for the RNP, Christina seconded. Dana, Duran, Gritton, Ruiz constitute the subcommittee.

6. Neighborhood Conference

Matus provided the Neighborhood Conference Timeline to the members announcing that California Baptist University agreed to host the conference on July 9, 2005. Six classrooms, cafeteria, game room, and facilities were retained for up to 400 participants. Secured caterer for a full breakfast and lunch menu. All classrooms have full audio/visual provided. Tables and chairs for exhibitors and registration area. The City's Communications Officer and Graphic Designer is working on the Save-the-Date card to be completed and mailed by the end of March. RNP to assist in distributing cards to all neighborhood meetings and community events as needed. Staff provided two solicitation letters to RNP members to begin soliciting for door prizes. A list of tentative workshops was distributed. McNeil motioned that #14. Public Participation Process of CDBG be eliminated from the list, House seconded, motion carried, one abstained, Duran.

7. Future Agenda Items:

- Akes reminded members about Watson's recommendation to hold an ABCD Workshop for the RNP. Members agreed to hold the workshop in October after new officers installation.
- Duran suggested a Cultural Diversity workshop be scheduled with Pedro Payne, Director Community Relations.
- Larsen suggested holding a CERT workshop.
- Akes will ask staff to send a letter to Gurumantra Khalsa inviting him to fill the Area 2 seat.

8. Other Business/Public Comment

- McNeil recommended that staff provide a report to RNP regarding the 2005/2006 budget cuts to the Office of Neighborhoods and how that will impact the Neighborhood Matching Grant program. Staff to provide a report at the next meeting.
- Hernandez announced that Park & Recreation Department staff presented the new street sign "Villegas Street." He also announced the approval that Ysmael Villegas, Medal of Honor recipient's story will now be included in study material and curriculum at some of the local schools and nationwide
- Dyer invited members to attend the Orangecrest/Mission Grove Neighborhood Partnership on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, March 16th at 7:00 p.m. at John F. Kennedy Elementary School regarding the widening of Alessandro Blvd.
- Duran invited members to attend the Eastside Community Health Fair on March 26th. Cops, Clergy, and Community Network on March 9th at CBU. Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park is recruiting volunteers on March 28th through 30th at Cesar Chavez Community Center.
- McNeil announced that the collaborative work of residents working with city and developers on the Sav-on development (on Market Street between 3rd and 4th Street) demonstrates what residents can do to make a difference in their community. All the residents suggestions were settled and developers worked well to accommodate their concerns.

9. Next Meeting: Monday, April 4, 2005

10. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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